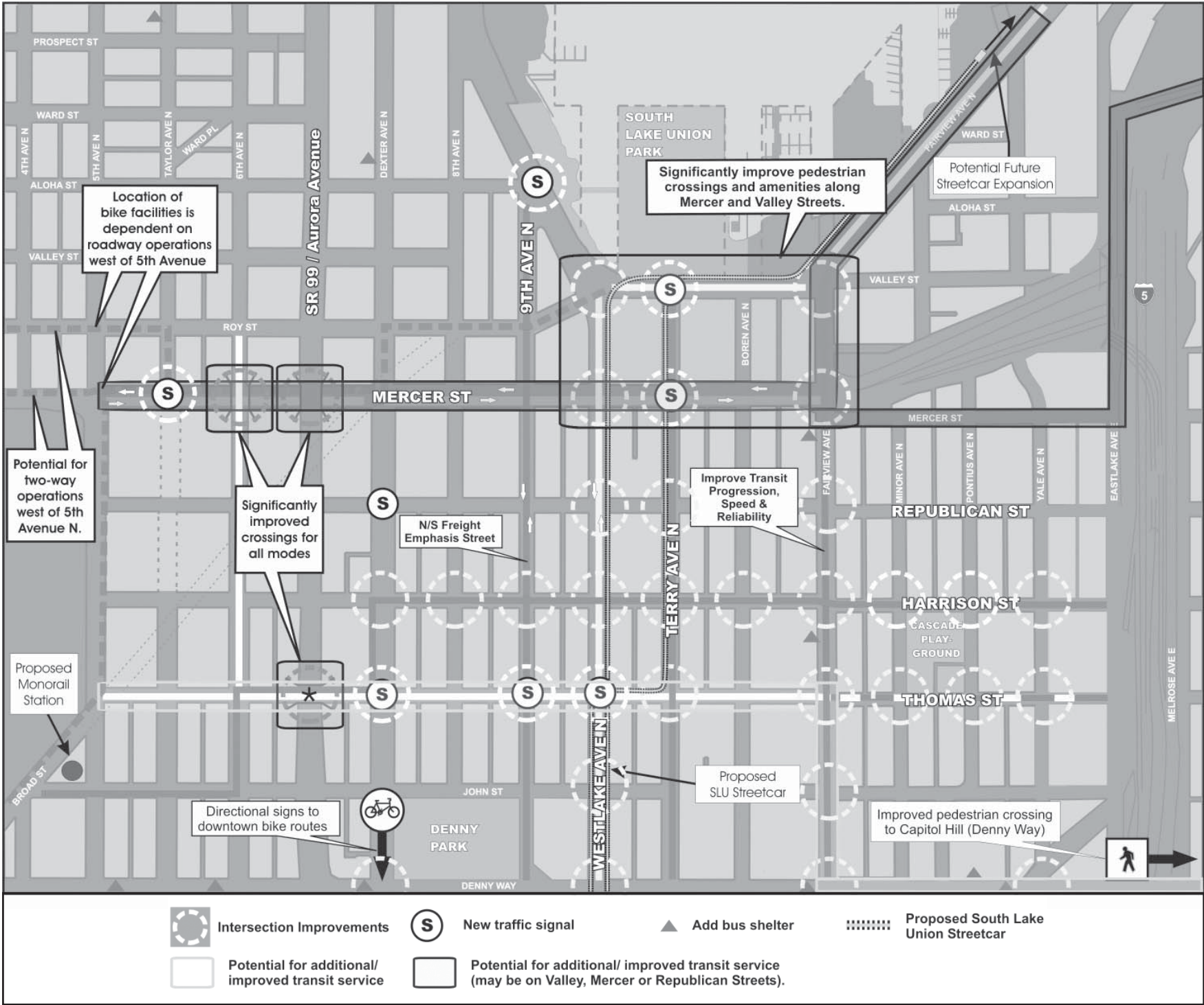


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South Lake Union

Transportation Study Recommendations



What are the benefits of the draft recommendations package?

Overall improvements:

- * Better access and mobility for people and goods throughout South Lake Union
- * Improved safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicycles in the Mercer Corridor, including Valley Street
- * New and improved connections to Queen Anne, downtown, and Capitol Hill
- * Increased regional access
- * Enhanced neighborhood livability and economic vitality

Specific improvements:

- * Narrow Valley Street ties South Lake Union Park to the neighborhood
- * Two-way Mercer Street improves westbound connections and access for autos, trucks and transit
- * Widened Mercer underpass and Thomas Street overpass provide connections to Seattle Center and Queen Anne for pedestrians and vehicles
- * Improved transit speed and reliability on Fairview Avenue N
- * New transit service
- * Bike connections to downtown
- * Pedestrian crossing and amenities along Mercer and Valley Streets
- * Additional bus shelters throughout South Lake Union
- * New traffic signals at key intersections
- * Streetcar connects South Lake Union to downtown and regional transit hub

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Balancing mobility and livability

Investing in TDM will support a healthy, vibrant South Lake Union neighborhood.

- * Set and achieve area-wide goals for transit ridership, bicycling, walking, carpooling and vanpooling
- * Regulate development of new parking capacity in ways that are consistent with a transit-oriented future
- * Promote residential and mixed-use development

Detailed information on the draft recommendations and a color version of the map are available on the Web at <http://www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/southlakeunion.htm>

South Lake Union Transportation Study

How is the study being paid for?

The study is funded by money from the sale of City-owned properties in the South Lake Union area. These properties were originally purchased for the Bay Freeway project in the 1960s. A portion of the property proceeds is designated for transportation improvements in South Lake Union.



How will improvements be funded?

Funding sources may include federal funding, the Regional Transportation Improvement District, and other local funds. In addition, the City is developing a transportation mitigation program that will link development with needed transportation improvements. Some projects recommended in the South Lake Union Transportation Study would be partially funded through this program.



Where can I get more information?

Detailed information on the draft recommendations is available:

- On the Web at:
<http://www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/southlakeunion.htm>
- By calling:
Eric Tweit, Project Manager, at (206) 684-8834
- E-mail:
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"Help us make the transportation improvements that will help make South Lake Union a great new neighborhood."
– Mayor Greg Nickels

What is the South Lake Union Transportation Study?

The South Lake Union Transportation Study will recommend transportation strategies to support the development of the South Lake Union Urban Village, including 20,000 new employees and 10,000 new households in the next 20 years. A key element of this vision is encouraging a higher share of transit, walking, and bicycling to meet the transportation needs of residents, employees and visitors.



What are the goals?

1. Improve mobility and access for pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles and transit within and between South Lake Union, surrounding neighborhoods and downtown.
2. Improve safety of all transportation modes.
3. Improve regional access to and through South Lake Union.
4. Promote economic vitality, sustainable development, neighborhood livability, and quality of life for current and future residents and businesses.
5. Work towards implementing Comprehensive Plan goals and other City policies and plans.

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